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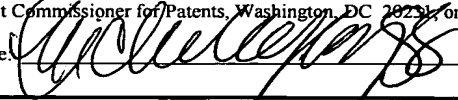
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified International Application prior to the start of examination by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as follows:

In the Claims

As provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), a clean version of the entire set of pending claims, whether amended or unchanged, are provided below for the convenience of the Examiner. Attached hereto in the paper captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made" is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. Please amend claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 11-14, 16-28, 30, 32, and 34, cancel claims 29 and 35, and add new claims 36-40, as follows:

Preliminary Amendment	
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